

GRAPHIC ARTS (CIP: 48.0201)

Occupational Skills

The Student demonstrates the specified level of competency in occupational skills:

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No Exposure	Introduced	Practiced	Entry-level	Competency

GENERAL SKILLS

INTRODUCTION TO THE PRINTING INDUSTRY

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DIRECTIONS

Evaluate the student by checking the appropriate box to indicate the degree of Competency. The rating for each task should reflect **employability readiness** rather than the grades given in class.

Rating Scale:

- 0 No exposure**
- 1 Introduced-** the student has been exposed through non participatory instruction (e.g. lecture, demonstration, field trip, video).
- 2 Practiced-** the student can perform the task with direct supervision.
- 3 Entry-Level Competency-** the student can perform the task with limited supervision and/or does not perform the task to standard (a typical entry-level performance expectation).
- 4 Competency-** the student consistently performs task to standard with no supervision (on at least two occasions or at instructor's option).

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A. Introduction

- *A.001 Define the role of graphics in the free enterprise system.
- *A.002 Identify printing markets and types of printing businesses.
- *A.003 List printing's ranking among other industries.
- *A.004 Identify the major printing processes.
- *A.005 List the advantages of each major process.
- *A.006 List the disadvantages of each major process.
- *A.007 Identify the products produced by each major process.
- *A.008 List in order the business flow of printing from initial need to final product.
- *A.009 List in order the technical production flow from idea to finished product.
- *A.010 Identify major occupations in the graphic arts.
- *A.011 List the major responsibilities for each occupation.
- *A.012 Identify basic salary/wage expectation ranges for local area.

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B. Art & Copy Preparation

- *B.001 Identify basic equipment and hand tools for paste-up.
- *B.002 Identify basic materials and supplies for paste-up.
- *B.003 Produce a simple paste-up using the correct procedures, equipment, tools and materials.

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C. Electronic Imaging

- *C.001 Choose type using correct size and format.
- *C.002 Identify fundamentals of type and its uses.
- *C.003 Identify the various kinds of items that can be designed and produced using desktop publishing.
- *C.004 Demonstrate a keyboard typing proficiency of 30 to 40 W.P.M.
- *C.005 Organize a file management system for opening, copying, saving, and deleting files.
- *C.006 Demonstrate file management operations for opening, copying, saving, and deleting files.
- *C.007 Log-on/boot-up and print out a page layout program and demonstrate a functional knowledge of computer commands/codes/menus/palette for the software in use.
- *C.008 Set text with appropriate margins, formatting, gutters, leading headings, etc....
- *C.009 Flow copy from word processing program to page layout program according to job specifications.

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D. Reproduction Photography

- *D.001 Identify basic darkroom equipment and hand tools.
- *D.002 Identify basic materials and supplies for line photography.
- *D.003 Produce a good quality line negative using sensitivity guide/scale.
- *D.004 Identify basic diffusion transfer exposure and processing equipment.
- *D.005 Identify basic diffusion transfer materials for making line prints.
- *D.006 Produce good quality line print using diffusion transfer process.
- *D.007 Make a diffusion transfer print.

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E. Image Assembly/Platemaking

- *E.001 Identify basic stripping equipment and hand tools.
- *E.002 Identify basic stripping materials and supplies.
- *E.003 Produce a single color flat with correct dimensions and cutouts.
- *E.004 Make necessary corrections to flat (i.e. opaque/scribing).
- *E.005 Identify platemaking equipment and tools for offset metal plates.
- *E.006 Identify plate material types and processing chemicals for making offset metal plates.
- *E.007 Produce a correctly exposed and processed metal plate for offset printing.
- *E.008 Identify direct image platemaking equipment.
- *E.009 Identify direct image plate and processing materials.
- *E.010 Produce a direct image plate for offset printing.
- *E.011 Identify pin registration systems.

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F. Basic Offset Press

- *F.001 Identify basic offset duplicator parts and operations.
- *F.002 Identify basic safety and operation procedures for an offset duplicator for single color printing.
- *F.003 Perform basic setup for printing a single color job.
- *F.004 Produce a printed single color job using an offset duplicator.

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G. Bindery

- *G.001 Identify operational and safety parts of a paper cutter.
- *G.002 Identify grain direction of paper.
- *G.003 Calculate basic paper cuts from stock sheet.
- *G.004 Draw a master cutting diagram for making cuts.
- *G.005 Make accurate paper cuts using a mechanized paper cutter.
- *G.006 Identify basic paper types, weights, grades and classifications used in the printing industry.
- *G.007 Identify padding equipment and hand tools.
- *G.008 Identify padding materials.
- *G.009 Produce correctly made pads of paper.
- *G.010 Identify stapling and stitching equipment and hand tools.
- *G.011 Identify stapling and stitching materials and supplies.
- *G.012 Produce side and saddle stitched/stapled products.
- *G.013 Identify punching/drilling equipment and hand tools.
- *G.014 Measure to drill 3 ring notebook pages.
- *G.015 Make holes for 3 ring notebook.
- *G.016 Identify folding equipment and hand tools.
- *G.017 Identify basic folds for printed products.
- *G.018 Make a single fold using an automatic folding machine.
- *G.019 Identify collating equipment and hand tools.
- *G.020 Make sets of paper using collating equipment in proper sequence.
- *G.021 Hand collate sets in proper sequence.
- *G.022 Identify die cut products and the basic procedure for diecutting.
- *G.023 Identify hot foil stamped products, basic equipment materials and procedures for foil stamping.

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H. Measurement

- *H.001 Measure linear dimensions for printing materials in inches and fractions of inches.
- *H.002 Measure type in points and picas.
- *H.003 Measure volume for mixing chemicals for darkroom and pressroom operations.

- *H.004 Measure copy for reduction and enlargement using various methods to determine percentage setting.

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I. Safety and First Aid

- *I.001 Identify location(s) of fire safety equipment.
- *I.002 Describe proper use of fire safety equipment.
- *I.003 List safety rules involving flammable liquids.
- *I.004 List the steps to be taken in case of injury in the lab.
- *I.005 Identify location(s) of first aid kit(s) and eye wash station(s).
- *I.006 MSDS-Read and comprehend Material Safety Data Sheets.
- *I.007 Identify protective safety equipment where needed (gloves, goggles, ear plugs).
- *I.008 Follow proper safety procedures when operating equipment.
- *I.009 Follow approved shop dress code for safe operation including necessary personal safety equipment.
- *I.010 Pass general lab safety test.
- *I.011 Pass safety test in individual specialty area(s).
- *I.012 Use approved methods to dispose of waste materials.
- *I.013 Read, comprehend and follow instructions on warning labels.
- *I.014 Demonstrate common sense when working with others.
- *I.015 Demonstrate a working knowledge of the safety color code.

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J. Basic Math

- *J.001 Solve addition of whole number problems-2 and 3 digits.
- *J.002 Solve addition of fraction problems.
- *J.003 Solve addition of decimal problems-2 and 3 digits.
- *J.004 Solve subtraction of whole number problems-2 and 3 digits.
- *J.005 Solve subtraction of fraction problems.
- *J.006 Solve subtraction of decimal problems-2 and 3 digits.
- *J.007 Solve multiplication of whole numbers-2 and 3 digits.
- *J.008 Solve multiplication of fraction problems.
- *J.009 Solve multiplication of decimal problems-2 and 3 digits.
- *J.010 Solve division of whole number problems-2 and 3 digits.
- *J.011 Solve division of fraction problems.
- *J.012 Solve division of decimal problems-2 and 3 digits.
- *J.013 Solve fraction to decimal conversion problems.
- *J.014 Solve decimal to fraction conversion problems.
- *J.015 Solve decimals to percent conversion problems.
- *J.016 Solve percent to decimals conversion problems.
- *J.017 Solve basic ratio and proportion problems.
- *J.018 Solve basic linear measurement problems.
- *J.019 Solve basic type calculation problems.
- *J.020 Solve basic liquid measurement problems.
- *J.021 Solve basic paper cutting calculations.
- *J.022 Solve basic points and picas measurement problems.
- *J.023 Solve inches to pica conversion problems.
- *J.024 Solve picas to inches conversion problems.
- *J.025 Solve inches to points conversion problems.
- *J.026 Solve points to inches conversion problems.
- *J.027 Solve cost calculating problems.

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K. Job Application Skills

- *K.001 Demonstrate proper work ethic/habits.
- *K.002 List means of locating job openings.
- *K.003 Read and comprehend want ads.
- *K.004 Write a personal resume.
- *K.005 Write a cover letter for obtaining a printing job.
- *K.006 Read and comprehend an employment application form.
- *K.007 Complete a job employment application form.
- *K.008 Practice job interview skills.

- *K.009 Complete a telephone interview for a printing job.
- *K.010 Write a follow-up letter.
- *K.011 Make a follow-up telephone call.
- *K.012 Evaluate benefit package for employment.
- *K.013 Compare job opportunities.

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L. Reproduction Photography

- *L.001 Read and comprehend production information from job ticket/jacket.
- *L.002 Identify safety considerations for darkroom operations.
- *L.003 Practice safe work habits in darkroom operations.
- *L.004 Identify basic parts of a reproduction process camera.
- *L.005 Identify basic parts of a darkroom contacting unit.
- *L.006 Identify basic components of a diffusion transfer unit.
- *L.007 Identify safe lights and their uses with different kinds of film.
- *L.008 Identify film processing and developing equipment.
- *L.009 Demonstrate operations of process camera.
- *L.010 Demonstrate operations of contacting darkroom unit.
- *L.011 Demonstrate operations of brightlight contacting unit.
- *L.012 Demonstrate operation of diffusion transfer processing equipment.
- *L.013 Identify characteristics of film.
- *L.014 Identify kinds of film.
- *L.015 Identify and match safelights to film requirements.
- *L.016 Identify film processing procedure.
- *L.017 Identify chemicals used in processing film.
- *L.018 Prepare chemicals for processing film using correct temperature and mixing ratios.
- *L.019 Set percentages of process camera accurately using proportional scale for determining size changes of copy.
- *L.020 Conduct standard exposure tests for line film.
- *L.021 Conduct standard exposure tests for different line diffusion transfer materials.
- *L.022 Conduct standard exposure tests for contacting line material in the darkroom.
- *L.023 Identify characteristics for sensitivity guide.
- *L.024 Position sensitivity guide on copying appropriate areas depending on type and process work use.
- *L.025 Identify density ratings on a step guide.
- *L.026 Increase or decrease exposure time using density ratings on a step guide as a guide to determine new time.
- *L.027 Produce line negative using appropriate camera settings and processing procedures.
- *L.028 Produce diffusion transfer line print using appropriate camera settings and processing procedures.
- *L.029 Produce line positive/negative using appropriate contacting and processing procedures.
- *L.030 Evaluate line negatives.
- *L.031 Identify problem copy with fine line, heavy solid and color.
- *L.032 Identify filters for holding and dropping color.
- *L.033 Compute filter factors for using filters for proper camera work.
- *L.034 Produce a line negative by dropping or holding color.
- *L.035 Produce negatives from multi-color mechanicals.
- *L.036 Identify line and halftone copy.
- *L.037 Identify reflection and transmission copy, both color and black and white.
- *L.038 Identify basic special effects and procedures for mezzotint, posterization and others.
- *L.039 Identify basic halftone theory.
- *L.040 Identify densitometers (both reflective and transmission) and their uses.
- *L.041 Identify halftone screen types and percentages.
- *L.042 Identify halftone exposure calculators.
- *L.043 Identify halftone shooting procedures.
- *L.044 Identify halftone developing procedures.
- *L.045 Run exposure tests for main, shadow and bump exposures.
- *L.046 Compute halftone exposures.
- *L.047 Make halftone negative.
- *L.048 Evaluate halftone negative.
- *L.049 Make needed adjustments to halftone exposure and processing.
- *L.050 Make exposure test for diffusion transfer halftone print.
- *L.051 Make diffusion transfer halftone print.

- *L.052 Evaluate diffusion transfer halftone print.
- *L.053 Identify duotone copy and basic production procedures.
- *L.054 Produce spreads and chokes.
- *L.055 Compute exposure for making spreads.
- *L.056 Compute exposure for making chokes.

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M. Orientation Competencies

- *M.001 Read and comprehend production information on a job jacket/ticket.
- *M.002 Identify the various kinds of items that can be designed and produced using desktop publishing.
- *M.003 Identify the basic principles of design (i.e. unity, contrast, page proportions, balance, etc....).
- *M.004 Incorporate the basic design principles in hand drawn sketches and measured layouts.
- *M.005 Identify line copy.
- *M.006 Identify continuous tone/halftone copy.
- *M.007 Identify basic process color principles and kinds of four-color printing.
- *M.008 Demonstrate understanding of electronic color proofing techniques.
- *M.009 Identify basic phototypesetting equipment.
- *M.010 Explain the advantages and disadvantages of phototypesetting.
- *M.011 Identify basic desktop publishing equipment.
- *M.012 Explain the limitations and capabilities of desktop publishing.
- *M.013 Explain the differences in quality of photo-processed output and laser printer output.
- *M.014 Demonstrate understanding of postscript software capabilities.
- *M.015 Define the basic procedure(s) for interfacing desktop publishing with photo-typeset processing.
- *M.016 Distinguish between work processing, page layout, and graphic software.
- *M.017 Demonstrate the operation of the hardware components of a computer aided publishing system.
- *M.018 Select appropriate software for word processing, graphics, scanning and page layout.
- *M.019 Demonstrate a keyboard typing proficiency of 30 to 40 W.P.M.
- *M.020 Organize a file management system for opening, copying, saving, and deleting files.
- *M.021 Demonstrate file management operations for opening, copying, saving and deleting files.
- *M.022 Prepare a series of hand drawn sketches for layouts incorporating appropriate marks (i.e. gutters, register marks, fold lines, etc.)
- *M.023 Prepare a dummy for a multipage signature.
- *M.024 Demonstrate on understanding of data exchange.

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N. Type and Typography

- *N.001 Measure copy/text in points and pleas using a line gauge.
- *N.002 Measure type using a typefitting gauge.
- *N.003 Identify x-height, mean-line, base-line, ascenders, descenders, and their roles in measuring and designing with type.
- *N.004 Identify caps, lowercase, uppercase, small caps and ligatures.
- *N.005 Define dingbats, bullets, rules, and symbols and their uses in publications.
- *N.006 Distinguish between display (headline) type and body (text) type by their point sizes and styles.
- *N.007 Identify the basic type styles and their uses.
- *N.008 Define the "weight" and "posture" of type.
- *N.009 Distinguish between serif and sans serif type styles.
- *N.010 Explain letterspacing and kerning of type characters.
- *N.011 Explain wordspacing and the relation of em and en in paragraph spacing.
- *N.012 Define linespacing and explain the measurement principles for the leading of text.
- *N.013 Define the type arrangements: flush left-ragged right, flush right-ragged left, centered, and justified.
- *N.014 Define and demonstrate copyfitting.

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O. Word Processing

- *O.001 Mark-up copy for production of a printed piece.
- *O.002 Select appropriate word processing software for a given job.

- *O.003 Log-on/boot-up a word processing program and demonstrate a functional knowledge of keyboarding, mouse operations and procedures.
- *O.004 Identify computer commands/codes/menus for the software in use.
- *O.005 Organize a basic file management system for desktop publishing.
- *O.006 Demonstrate file management operations for opening, copying, saving, and deleting files.
- *O.007 Demonstrate a proficiency in conducting basic search operations.
- *O.008 Demonstrate the uses of footers and headers.
- *O.009 Produce a business letter using the appropriate margins, indents, tabs, etc., as required for the job.
- *O.010 Set format and create simple galley text using appropriate display and text fonts, styles, point sizes, leading, character formats and paragraph formats, etc.
- *O.011 Proof read manuscript copy and make necessary corrections using basic proofreading marks.
- *O.012 Create a supporting data file for mail merge.
- *O.013 Produce a form letter for mail merge.
- *O.014 Design and produce a resume using desired fonts, styles, margins, indents, tabs, etc...
- *O.015 Prepare text for merging/flowing into a page layout program.
- *O.016 Design and produce copy incorporating text, graphics, rules, dingbats, etc...
- *O.017 Demonstrate the use of an electronic dictionary, spell checker, and automatic hyphenation.
- *O.018 Demonstrate the use of an electronic glossary.

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P. Page Layout

- *P.001 Select appropriate page layout software for a given job.
- *P.002 Log-on/boot-up and print out a page layout program and demonstrate a functional knowledge of computer commands/codes/menus/palette for the software in use.
- *P.003 Demonstrate text alignment, element positioning and rules of page design for printed matter.
- *P.004 Set-up column grids for electronic page layout according to job specifications.
- *P.005 Set-up/select appropriate pagination for a given job.
- *P.006 Set text with appropriate margins, formatting, gutters, leading headings, etc...
- *P.007 Place copy from word processing program to page layout program according to job specifications.
- *P.008 Proofread, edit and make corrections/adjustment to copy on screen.
- *P.009 Download fonts.
- *P.010 Place graphics from an existing file into a publication.
- *P.011 Demonstrate the procedure for cropping graphics electronically.
- *P.012 Create a 2 sided, 3 panel brochure using graphics and text for publication.
- *P.013 Create a 4-page newsletter using windows, blocks, text, graphics, frames and headings.
- *P.014 Create a 2 page newsletter using drop caps for paragraph openings, wrap-a-rounds (run-a-rounds) and graphics.
- *P.015 Create a printed piece using tints, reverses and manipulated type for effect.
- *P.016 Produce a multicolor flyer using electronic spot color separations.
- *P.017 Demonstrate a knowledge of available page layout programs-capabilities, advantages, disadvantages.

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Q. Scanning Operations

- *Q.001 Identify scanner hardware and its basic components and operations.
- *Q.002 Identify basic scanner software, its uses and limitations.
- *Q.003 Demonstrate appropriate scanner/program operations for line artwork.
- *Q.004 Demonstrate appropriate scanner/program operations for continuous tone copy.
- *Q.005 Place scanned graphics/photos into existing page layout.

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R. Graphics

- *R.001 Log-on/boot-up a graphics generating program and demonstrate a functional knowledge of commands/codes/menus/hand tools and procedures for their uses.
- *R.002 Draw a design appropriate for a given job using a graphics program.
- *R.003 Create a design using tints, fills and paint for a given job using a graphics program.
- *R.004 Create a design using manipulated type (rotated, circled, extended, etc...) for a publication.
- *R.005 Trace a drawing/photograph using a graphics program.
- *R.006 Create a design/publication using electronic clip art.

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S. Finishing/Binding

- *S.001 Read and comprehend production information from job ticket/jacket.
- *S.002 Identify safety considerations in bindery operations.
- *S.003 Practice safe work habits in bindery operations.
- *S.004 Identify basic hand tools in bindery.
- *S.005 Identify basic materials in bindery.
- *S.006 Identify basic equipment in bindery.
- *S.007 Use folding equipment to produce a gatefold.
- *S.008 Use folding equipment to produce an accordion fold.
- *S.009 Use folding equipment to produce a double folded job.
- *S.010 Describe and identify inline finishing systems.
- *S.011 Describe how to use and set up programmable cutters.
- *S.012 Describe the proper maintenance procedures for programmable cutters.
- *S.013 Describe how to change the blade on an automatic paper cutter.
- *S.014 Select and identify the most commonly used types of paper.
- *S.015 Demonstrate knowledge of paper types related to their printing, folding and binding characteristics.
- *S.016 Describe and identify offline finishing systems.
- *S.017 Describe the fundamentals of saddle stitching and perfect binding.
- *S.018 Identify packaging and shrink wrapping equipment.
- *S.019 Identify and describe the use of automated sorting and labeling equipment.
- *S.020 Demonstrate a knowledge of mail class rates (bulk, pre-sorted).
- *S.021 List the operational procedures of embossing.
- *S.022 Identify embossing equipment.
- *S.023 List the common problems encountered in embossing.
- *S.024 Identify the components of a case bound book.
- *S.025 Compare modern case bound binding equipment with hand binding techniques.
- *S.026 Store and properly handle substrates.
- *S.027 Describe and identify U-V coatings.
- *S.028 List the advantages and disadvantages of U-V coatings.
- *S.029 Estimate the cost of materials and production for performing bindery operations such as cutting, scoring, folding, packaging and coating.
- *S.030 List the techniques used to control waste production and disposal in a modern bindery.
- *S.031 Identify spiral binding and wire binding equipment and products.
- *S.032 Describe tipping in procedures.
- *S.033 Square stock.
- *S.034 Identifying problems with stock.
- *S.035 Prepare folding dummies for the most commonly used impositions.
- *S.036 Set up and operate folder consistent with job specifications.
- *S.037 Describe the quality control methods for printing and evaluating bar codes.
- *S.038 Perform preventive maintenance on a folder.
- *S.039 Perform preventive maintenance on a paper cutter.

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T. Advanced Electronic Prepress

- *T.001 Read and comprehend production information on job jacket/ticket.
- *T.002 Choose type using correct format, size, family, etc.
- *T.003 Identify fundamentals of type and its uses.
- *T.004 Identify basic color theory.
- *T.005 Compare the capabilities, productivity and quality levels of high-end systems vs. low-end systems.
- *T.006 Describe the application of digital photography in electronic imaging.
- *T.007 Discuss the current developments of direct imaging technologies.
- *T.008 List the capabilities and functions of image setters.
- *T.009 Identify and compare digital proofs.
- *T.010 Identify and compare networking systems.
- *T.011 Describe the current systems/techniques for outputting files direct to plate material.
- *T.012 Demonstrate an understanding of the Postscript page description language.
- *T.013 Compare the leading operating systems in performance, use and capabilities.
- *T.014 Understand storage guidelines and limitations.
- *T.015 List the advantages and disadvantages of different storage media, such as syquest, optical, etc.
- *T.016 List the use and capabilities of storage devices for electronic imaging work, transport and storage.
- *T.017 Describe the strengths and weaknesses of TIFF, EPS, PICT, and DCS in a Postscript environment.

- *T.018 Translate files from DOS to Mac formats, DOS to UNIX, etc.
- *T.019 Use a file compression utility for file transfer or storage.
- *T.020 Describe the differences between true type and postscript fonts.
- *T.021 Use a telecommunications program and a modem to transfer files.
- *T.022 Connect and use bulletin board services to transfer files.
- *T.023 Create a single color layout using clip art.
- *T.024 Create a single color layout using work and turn.
- *T.025 Change contrast using tint screens and shading techniques.
- *T.026 Create logo design on computer and integrate into a brochure design.
- *T.027 Produce curved or special effects type using a graphics application.
- *T.028 Produce a job on the computer using electronic imposition.
- *T.029 Create a job that incorporates electronic trapping.
- *T.030 Produce a multicolor job that includes scans, text and spot color artwork.
- *T.031 Prepare page layout files containing graphic images for remote output.
- *T.032 Follow instructions to produce, modify or output files according to customer supplied criteria.
- *T.033 Use OCR software to capture text.
- *T.034 Create logo based on scanned template.
- *T.035 Calibrate a desktop scanner for producing halftone scans.
- *T.036 Scan a continuous tone color original.
- *T.037 Produce a halftone using a desktop scanner.
- *T.038 Calibrate a desktop color scanner.
- *T.039 Produce a color scan.
- *T.040 Use a photo manipulation program to perform basic color correction and basic image cloning.
- *T.041 Perform font management activities.
- *T.042 Use backup utility to create backup tapes, cartridges or diskettes.
- *T.043 Use backup utility to restore files to the hard drive or diskette.
- *T.044 Perform system troubleshooting procedures.
- *T.045 Demonstrate troubleshooting procedures for postscript errors, such as limitcheck.
- *T.046 Calibrate a color monitor.
- *T.047 Describe how to calibrate an imagesetter.
- *T.048 Describe how film processor variations effect final output.
- *T.049 Calibrate and perform quality control checks on the film processor.
- *T.050 Explain the use of quality control data.

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U. Basic Offset Press

- *U.001 Read and comprehend production information from job ticket/jacket.
- *U.002 Identify safety considerations for platemaking.
- *U.003 Practice safe work habits to platemaking operations.
- *U.004 Identify basic parts of the platemaker.
- *U.005 Identify basic parts of the photo direct or electrostatic platemaker.
- *U.006 Identify plate materials and plate types.
- *U.007 Identify processing chemicals and methods.
- *U.008 Identify platemaking procedures for metal plates.
- *U.009 Identify platemaking procedures for photo direct or electrostatic plates (masters).
- *U.010 Determine exposure time for metal plates using transparent step scale and rub down test.
- *U.011 Prepare metal plates (expose, process and store).
- *U.012 Make additions, deletions and repairs to offset plate.
- *U.013 Make a plate using screen tints.
- *U.014 Make a step/repeat using cutout or butterflies.
- *U.015 Make a step/repeat using pin register system.
- *U.016 Prepare a plate for multiple exposure on one side.
- *U.017 Make plates for multicolor work.
- *U.018 Identify safety considerations for press operations.
- *U.019 Practice safe work habits on duplicator operations.
- *U.020 Identify basic parts and systems of a press.
- *U.021 Identify basic press operation procedures.
- *U.022 Identify basic paper types and sizes.
- *U.023 Determine grain directions of paper.
- *U.024 Handle and jog paper stock (wire/felt, watermarks, carbonless sequence).
- *U.025 Identify paper weight, coating and sizes.

- *U.026 Identify paper problems: curling, etc.
- *U.027 Identify offset ink types and uses.
- *U.028 Identify ink additives.
- *U.029 Identify ink problems.
- *U.030 Set up, mix and test ink for printing using ink color chart for mixing requirements.
- *U.031 Identify fountain solutions and additives.
- *U.032 Identify fountain testing materials, equipment and procedures.
- *U.033 Mix fountain solutions using appropriate ratios.
- *U.034 Make-ready paper systems.
- *U.035 Make-ready inking systems.
- *U.036 Make-ready dampening systems.
- *U.037 Print single color job using a metal plate.
- *U.038 Print single color job using photo direct and/or electrostatic masters.
- *U.039 Print a single color job two-sided.
- *U.040 Print a single color job on carbonless stock.
- *U.041 Print a single color job on envelopes.
- *U.042 Print a single color job on heavy stock.
- *U.043 Print a single color job work and tumble.
- *U.044 Print a single color job work and turn.
- *U.045 Print a two-color job on a duplicator without register marks.
- *U.046 Print a two-color job using register marks.
- *U.047 Print a two-color job with color bars.
- *U.048 Print a 2 side two color job on business cards.
- *U.049 Print a two-color job on a duplicator using a T-head.
- *U.050 Perform daily cleanup and maintenance.
- *U.051 Perform major cleanup and roller treatment.
- *U.052 Make needed pressure settings on a press.
- *U.053 Install and set blanket on a press.
- *U.054 Clean and secure duplicator for down time.
- *U.055 Evaluate print quality and make needed adjustments to improve printed piece.
- *U.056 Calculate percentages of density for press.
- *U.057 Print close register color work.
- *U.058 Print heavy solid work making needed adjustments to improve quality.
- *U.059 Check and adjust gripper bite on press.

ooooo V. **Advanced Press Operations**

- *V.001 Read and comprehend production information from job ticket/jacket.
- *V.002 Identify safety considerations in press operations.
- *V.003 Read and comprehend material safety data sheets.
- *V.004 Identify the hand tools used in press operations.
- *V.005 Identify the major and minor systems of the press.
- *V.006 Describe the operational procedures for each of the controls and adjustments on the press.
- *V.007 Identify different feeding systems.
- *V.008 Identify different delivery, drying and dampening systems.
- *V.009 Describe the major systems of a web press.
- *V.010 List the advantages and disadvantages of a web press.
- *V.011 Identify and use a mechanical control of registration.
- *V.012 Identify total pin registration systems.
- *V.013 Identify press problems.
- *V.014 Select the proper stock according to job specifications.
- *V.015 Jog and load stock.
- *V.016 Prepare press chemistry.
- *V.017 Use and interpret Conductivity pH Meter.
- *V.018 Set up, mix and test ink for printing using color chart for mixing requirements.
- *V.019 Print a job on lightweight paper.
- *V.020 Print a job on card or board stock.
- *V.021 Print on a variety of paper finishes.
- *V.022 Demonstrate knowledge of paper characteristics.
- *V.023 Demonstrate knowledge of varnishes and coatings.
- *V.024 Print a heavy solid coverage on coated stock.

- *V.025 Print a series of jobs using a variety of different impositions.
- *V.026 Print a multi-color job on a duplicator using an additional color head.
- *V.027 Print a job containing duotone.
- *V.028 Demonstrate proper waste disposal methods.
- *V.029 Describe the difference between process and PMS color.
- *V.030 Identify the common problems in color reproduction and describe the solutions.
- *V.031 Print a multi-color, 2-sided job on coated stock.
- *V.032 Print a process color job on uncoated paper.
- *V.033 Print a process color job on coated paper.
- *V.034 Describe the differences encountered in printing a process color job on coated and uncoated stock.
- *V.035 Interpret color bars on a press sheet to determine quality and corrective action if necessary.
- *V.036 Identify color densitometry principles and applications.
- *V.037 Perform preventive maintenance.
- *V.038 Reset roller pressures.
- *V.039 Select and install plate and/or blanket packing.
- *V.040 Change the blanket.
- *V.041 Interpret quality control data.
- *V.042 Identify printing reproduction standards on a 133 or above line screen.
- *V.043 Identify and apply industry standards.
- *V.044 Describe and identify direct imaging technologies.
- *V.045 List the advantages of plate scanning technology.

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W. Image Assembly and Platemaking

- *W.001 Read and comprehend production information form job ticket/jacket.
- *W.002 Identify safety considerations in stripping operations.
- *W.003 Practice safe work habits in stripping operations.
- *W.004 Identify basic hand tools in stripping.
- *W.005 Identify basic materials in stripping.
- *W.006 Identify basic equipment in stripping.
- *W.007 Establish "true edge" and "vertical alignment" on a stripping table (square up).
- *W.008 Lay out, measure and rule an unlined masking sheet showing relevant guidelines (edge of sheet, gripper margins, plate clamp, center marks, etc.) for 8 ½" x 11" single color work.
- *W.009 Assemble and strip an 8 ½" x 11" negative.
- *W.010 Make appropriate corrections to film negative and flat.
- *W.011 Layout, measure and rule an unlined masking sheet showing relevant guidelines (edge of sheet, gripper margins, plate clamp, center marks, etc.) for 11" x 17" single color work.
- *W.012 Assemble and strip single color flat for 11"x 17" using pre-ruled masking sheet.
- *W.013 Layout, measure and rule on unlined masking sheet showing relevant guidelines (edge of sheet, gripper margins, plate clamp, center marks, etc.) for 8 ½" x 11" multi-color work using pin register system.
- *W.014 Strip a flat for single color envelopes.
- *W.015 Strip a flat for single color work and turn impositions.
- *W.016 Strip a flat for single color work and tumble impositions.
- *W.017 Strip a single color flat that includes screen tints.
- *W.018 Strip single color flats for a 4-page signature.
- *W.019 strip single color flat for an 8 page signature.
- *W.020 Strip a line and half tone combination flat.
- *W.021 Strip a multicolor job with color quality control bars for a 4-page signature.
- *W.022 Strip a single color step and repeat flat (without pin register).
- *W.023 Strip single color step and repeat flat using a pin register system.
- *W.024 Check registration of multiple flats using daylight proofing material.
- *W.025 Strip a multicolor job that uses masking film as a mechanical negative on one.
- *W.026 Identify daylight contacting equipment.
- *W.027 Identify daylight contacting material.
- *W.028 Conduct an exposure test on daylight material.
- *W.029 Produce a spread negative/positive for image fit using a contact control wedge as a guide.
- *W.030 Produce a choke negative/positive for image film using a contact control wedge as a guide.
- *W.031 Produce a composite negative using daylight material.
- *W.032 Identify and strip a multi-color job using registration marks and clear masking materials.

- *W.033 Proof color work with color proofing materials.
- *W.034 Produce a 16 page signature dummy with proper imposition, pagination and directions.
- *W.035 Identify safety considerations for platemaking.
- *W.036 Practice safe work habits in platemaking operations.
- *W.037 Identify basic parts of the platemaker and metal plates.
- *W.038 Identify basic parts of the photo direct or direct transfer platemaker.
- *W.039 Identify plate materials and plate types.
- *W.040 Identify processing chemicals and methods.
- *W.041 Identify platemaking procedures for metal plates.
- *W.042 Identify platemaking procedures for photo direct or transfer plates.
- *W.043 Determine exposure time for metal plates using transparent step scale and rub down feet.
- *W.044 Prepare metal plates (expose, process and store).
- *W.045 Make additions, deletions and repairs to an offset plate.

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X. Advanced Image Assembly and Platemaking

- *X.001 Read and comprehend production information from job ticket/job jacket.
- *X.002 Identify safety considerations in the image assembly platemaking area.
- *X.003 Read and comprehend material safety data sheets.
- *X.004 Demonstrate the proper waste disposal methods.
- *X.005 List the characteristics and uses of the various exposure systems.
- *X.006 List the considerations that must be made related to paper characteristics.
- *X.007 Describe and identify automated stripping equipment and procedures.
- *X.008 Calibrate the exposure systems used in the prep department.
- *X.009 Operate a film processor.
- *X.010 Run control checks on a film processor.
- *X.011 Understand total pin register systems.
- *X.012 Demonstrate a knowledge of various substrates.
- *X.013 Describe the methods used to create trap.
- *X.014 List the considerations needed for the selection and usage of the correct plate material.
- *X.015 Strip an 8-page signature with crossovers.
- *X.016 Assemble a job using complementary flats.
- *X.017 Produce a job using screen tints at the correct screen angles.
- *X.018 Produce a job using special effects created in the prep department.
- *X.019 Produce a job that involves undercuts and spreads.
- *X.020 Strip a job containing a duotone.
- *X.021 Strip a job containing a tritone.
- *X.022 Describe the methods used to create flat color using screens and four-color process.
- *X.023 Describe color theory.
- *X.024 Describe the methods of screen angling as used in process color assembly.
- *X.025 Strip a process color job.
- *X.026 Produce a process color job that uses composite film and plate using common marks and color control bars.
- *X.027 Produce composited film for platemaking.
- *X.028 List the advantages of the different color proofing systems.
- *X.029 Use advanced combination stripping to assemble a job.
- *X.030 Identify and describe direct imaging technologies.
- *X.031 Describe the use of plate scanning technology.
- *X.032 Identify the common problems encountered in stripping.
- *X.033 Describe the solutions to the common problems encountered in stripping.
- *X.034 Describe the implications of dot gain and dot loss.
- *X.035 Describe the dry dot etching process.